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PLANTATION INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a high level task force to study the problems of plantation industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far the plantation industry in Assam will be benefited?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Department of Commerce constituted a Task Force for undertaking a study to identify and assess the problem & extent of price volatility faced by growers of tea, coffee, rubber and spices, to assess the long-term international competitiveness of the plantation industry and to evolve a risk management support mechanism to protect the small growers from adverse effects of weather and pest related risks in the plantation sector.

The Task Force has since submitted its report recommending certain measures for the overall development of the Plantation Sector, which will benefit the entire industry including that of Assam.